

Mayor David Anderson called the special meeting of April 29, 2011 to order at 5:30 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Chris Clark, Council Members Mike Klaus, Connie Wells, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, and Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present was Bob Graham.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss litigation in executive session.

Connie Wells moved to add discussion of the dike repair and authorize the Mayor to sign request for advanced measures assistance and written request for assistance. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Bob Graham spoke to council regarding the volume of water that is projected to come down the Kootenai River. It is projected to exceed eight million feet. Mic Shea thinks the river will be so high that the Libby Dam will not be able to spill any water. Due to the projected flooding there is a program available for assistance from the Corps of Engineers. There is no cash match but in-kind match may be required. Kathy Dejarnes has been in contact with David Sims so that we can tie into the Kootenai County and Shoshone County incidents that are occurring. Bob gave Dave Sims copies of the submittals by Kootenai and Shoshone Counties. He said the application is site specific. David showed pictures to council of the dike problems that need repair. He said Ryan from Riley Creek is coming to Bonners Ferry to look at the dike near the mill property. Bob suggested the city write a letter supporting the county’s project that is being submitted also. Mike Klaus asked if the Kootenai Tribe had been notified of this program. Bob met with them earlier today. Flood stage is 1764 feet and when we get to 1760 feet we will get very active on what will be happening. Sand bagging will start at 1764 feet, 1765 feet floods the floor of the Kootenai River Inn. Mike Klaus said the storm drains close off at 1765 feet. Stephen said the storm sewer in front of the building closes off at 1768 feet. Stephen said the Yaak, Fisher, and Moyie Rivers can contribute as much as what the Kootenai River outflows can be and this can cause a huge problem. The group discussed the snow pack levels. Bob said the Libby Dam has to be careful of what is released down river as well as what goes back to Canada. Mayor Anderson said he thinks we should apply for the City of Bonners Ferry separately from Boundary County. Connie Wells moved to apply for Corps of Engineers Advanced Procedures and to send a letter of support for Boundary County. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Bob Graham left the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Connie Wells moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (f) at 5:57 p.m. to discuss legal issues. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. At 6:23 p.m. executive session ended.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk

